

CHRISTMAS MAILS ROBBED.

**ALL THE REGISTERED LETTERS FROM
THE LEHIGH VALLEY STOLEN.**

Post Office Inspectors C. C. James and George W. Beavers are in despair over the disappearance of a leather mail pouch containing registered letters and packages valued at thousands of dollars. The bag disappeared between the Pennsylvania railway station in Jersey City and the general Post Office in New York on Thursday evening. Not a trace of it has been found.

missent to Boston or some other place, but the result of many inquiries is to convince the officials that the bag was stolen probably on the ferryboat. The bag contained all the registered Christmas matter mailed last Thursday from all the offices from Elmira through the Elmira Valley territory.

"It makes me shiver when I think of what the grand total will be," one of the officials said yesterday. Indeed, his teeth began to chatter.

H. D. Hubbard is the clerk who had the custody of the bag when it disappeared. He is a native of Owego, and has been in the railway service for nearly 20 years. It is regular for him to deliver the Christmas matter on the previous Thursday.

the east, and he was put in charge of the postal train attached to the Lehigh Valley train No. 5, which leaves Allentown at 6:30 a.m. The train arrives in Jersey City at 6:30 P.M. The train collected the mail from some sixty stations throughout the Lehigh Valley, and the mail was placed in the train's registered matter on this train were Elmira, Waverly, Sayre, Towanda, Tunkhannock, Lackawanna Junction, Wilkes-Barre, White Haven, Binghamton, Vestal, Archunk, Allentown, Catasauquus, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, and Bound Brook. The train runs into Jersey City over the tracks of the Pennsylvania road, and mail from each station is placed in the train's registered matter.

In the postal car separately. Hubbard received sixty of these envelopes. Each one contained a different variety of registered mail matter. As fast as Hubbard received these envelopes he put them in bags. His version of what happened next is as follows:

"When he reached Jersey City he had two bags filled. He took these two bags and put them in a large bag, especially provided for registered matter. As the mail was loaded upon a truck, the bag containing the registered mail was the last to leave the post office on top of the other bags by Hubbard himself. The truck, guarded by Hubbard, was then run upon the rail by the Jersey City and Hoboken Ferry level of the ferry and the street. As the bottom of the elevator Driver Bois was in, Hubbard took the bag of registered mail which he kept in his possession until all the other bags were loaded. He then placed the registered wagon. When Bois drove the Hub-

himself. This is customary. It is done to keep the registered matter in the hands of the postal clerk as long as possible. When the wagon reaches its destination the registered bag is the first to be taken out.

After Hubbard had thrown the bag of

door and Driver Bolt adjusted the lock. Bolt pulled the door open and the clerk drove aboard the ferryboat. Clerk Bubba found a seat in the wagon. This, too, is customary. It is so forth in black letters in the rules that clerks in charge of postal cars must remain in sight of the driver at all times. This means that clerks while crossing the ferry. They must guard the rear of the wagons until the wagons get across the river and have started for the other side. Bubba was not a very experienced clerk, expected to get upon the seat beside the driver and turn the mail over to the Post Office people in person. Bolt drove his wagon aboard the ferry and the clerk followed it. After he had taken the mail from the wagon, the clerk

until she ran into her slip at Cortlandt street. Then he got up beside Driver Bols and rode to the Post Office. At the Post Office Driver Bols unlocked the wagon and Clerk Hubbard reached for the bag of registered mail. It was not there.

The lock had not been tampered with, apparently, and the disappearance of the bag was a mystery. Bols said he was sure that the

drove aboard the ferryboat. At all events it was locked when the wagon reached the office. The locks on these covered wagons are all alike, and it was possible for the keeper to have unlocked the wagon. But he said it would have been possible for any one possessing one of these keys to unlock the door and steal the bag without being detected. He said he had never seen a key anywhere in sight, according to his own statement, and was away from the wagon for a moment or so, too. He got down from his seat and went into the baggage room, where there was a light, to make out his receipt for the time the wagon was totally unguarded.

Holz says he is morally certain that he looked the door of his wagon before driving aboard the ferryboat, and that he saw no one there, however. If he forgot to spring the lock and

The Weather.

A storm of unusual force was travelling across the lake region into the St. Lawrence Valley yesterday. Its influence was felt over all the country east of the Rocky Mountains. On its eastern and southern quadrants rain, warmer weather and dense fogs prevailed, taking in all the States on the Atlantic coast and lower lake regions, with high-on-shore winds. On the western quadrant snow was falling in the States bordering Lake Michigan, and a very extensive and severe cold wave covered all the country from Manitoba to the Gulf of Mexico. The Detroit current was off Michigan Mountains, pushing rapidly into the Atlantic States. The warlike air present the coldest of the winter the

The temperature in this neighborhood should be below freezing this morning and stand at about 10° or 15° by Monday morning, after which it should grow gradually warmer.

In this city rain fell the greater part of the day, with a dense fog in the morning and afternoon up to 4 P. M., when it began to clear, at the same time the wind changed from north to southeast and the temperature began to fall. The baromet. fell.

The thermometer at Perry's pharmacy in Two Six building recorded the temperature yesterday as follows:

	1890.	1891.		1890.	1891.
9 A. M.	100	40	5:30 P. M.	77	55
10 "	100	40	6 P. M.	77	55
9 A. M.	100	40	6 P. M.	77	55
10 "	100	40	6 P. M.	77	55
12 M.	23	60	12 M.	77	47
Average					50 1/2
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LOCAL FORECAST till 8 P. M. SUNDAY.

For southeastern New York, including Long Island, also for western Connecticut and northern New Jersey, fair and colder, with a cold wave, winds changing to

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WASHINGTON FORECAST TILL 8 P. M. SUNDAY.
For Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and eastern New York, generally fair Sunday and Monday, with a cold wave; the temperature will fall 20 degrees Sunday night; westerly winds.
For the District of Columbia, eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, fair Sunday and Monday; much colder. The temperature will fall about thirty degrees by Sunday night; high north west winds.
For West Virginia, Ohio, western New York, and western Pennsylvania, fair, except light snow on the slopes

The storm north of the lake region this morning has moved to the lower St. Lawrence valley, attended by severe gales on the Atlantic coast and in the lake region, and a cold wave, which extends eastward as far as western New York, West Virginia, and northern Georgia. A storm of equal intensity has appeared on the North Pacific coast, where the barometer is unusually low, and severe southerly gales with rains are reported. The barometer continues high in the southwest and over the southern and central plac

be west of the Mississippi. The temperature has risen slightly in the Atlantic coast; and from 10° to 20° in the mountain districts; it has fallen from 20° to 30° in the valley and lake regions. The indications are that the summer will be clear in New England and New York to-night, followed by a cold wave and fair weather Sunday and Monday, the temperature falling 30° by Sunday night. Generally fair weather is indicated for the northern middle Atlantic States and the Ohio Valley for Sunday; and Monday will be fair and warm in the middle Atlantic States as far south as northern Virginia. Warmer weather is indicated for the Mississippi Valley and thence westward on Sunday and Monday.